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Mr. BAVIUS,

THIS day being a very ſolemn Feſtival, it is hoped, that the following ſhort piece on a ſerious ſubject, ſent us ſome time ago, will not be thought unſeaſonable.

It is a common thing for thoſe who deſire a favour, not to be ſatisfied with a bare promiſe, but to preſs the perſon to whom they applie, to ſwear to the performance of it; and that ſometimes, although they know that he has no intention of performing. To ſwear unneceſſarily is certainly a great ſin; becauſe whoever takes the name of God in vain, on trifling occaſions, acts directly contrary to the known revealed law of God. And that perſon who incites another to ratifie his promiſe by an oath, * *not only ſhows a mark of diſtruſt and infidelity in him that ſwears*; but is guilty of a ſin equal to that of the perſon ſwearing, and indeed in many caſes more heinous: eſpecially where the ſwearer is greatly provoked, and where the provoker knows, and is conſcious in his heart, that the perſon from whom he extorts the oath, has neither will, nor perhaps even power to keep it.

The benefit reap'd by this practice is but ſmall, or indeed altogether imaginary, † *For there is more truſt in honeſty than an oath*: †† *And a good man needeth not an oath*: and with ſuch whoſe honeſty will not bind them, an oath ſcarce ever will. Beſides in fact, theſe aſſeverations or oaths are ſeldom binding, being either the effect of fear, or paſſion, or tending to diſhoneſt ends: and if they have none of theſe bad circumſtances, there are many inſtances wherein they are not obligatory. For whatever act is before attended with ſome inward flaw, hindering an obligation to ariſe from it, cannot be rendered obligatory even by the addition of an oath. Neither can a prior obligation truly valid, be annulled by a ſubſequent oath; or the right which it gave another be thereby reverſed. And in promiſes and pacts, conſent, grounded upon oath, is not binding, in caſe the perſon who ſwore it, ſuppoſed ſome matter to be otherwiſe than it proves to be. But what muſt one think of an oath extorted by unjuſt fear or ſurprize? Surely the perſon who extorted it, cannot expect the performance, and is obliged to releaſe the promiſe thus obtained.

An oath can no where bind where it is contrary to law, divine, or human, or, tho' the thing promiſed be not in itſelf unlawful, if it hinders any greater moral good, or if we are thereby withheld from any acts of humanity or piety. And a vow is not to be looked upon as good and valid, not only if it be unlawful, but alſo if it be ſilly and impertinent. And it is neceſſary to the force of an oath, that it be deliberately ſpoken from the heart, as well as by the mouth, and with a real deſign. For (as PUFFENDORF rightly obſerves) Thoſe cuſtomary expreſſions are not properly oaths, but profane abuſes of the name of God, ariſing from an ill habit of being too poſitive and vehement in talk. And no man that precipitately urges and provokes me to ſwear, or uſe thoſe aſſeverations to what he knows contrary to my intention, will, or power, can in conſcience expect me to keep my oath or aſſeveration, any more than I would my antecedent promiſe; there being but a ſmall, or even no additional obligation in them. At the ſame time he is guilty of an uncharitable act, and adds to the number of his own ſins, in provoking me to an abuſe of God's holy name, and drawing it into contempt. I wiſh men would conſider how little they gain by theſe extorted oaths, and how little they bind.

Yet I am not at all for leſſening the reverence due to an oath: for in all caſes where a man ſhall ſwear, and afterwards not perform, tho' he be not ſtrictly guilty of perjury, he is guilty of a high crime in taking God's name in vain. And the greater the crime is in the provoked, the greater it is in the provoker. I would men would conſider to what end they would incite others to call the auguſt majeſty of the Almighty God to be witneſs to ſuch things as he diſdains to hear. To all their profligate, idle, vain, and nauſeous diſcourſe; to all the ſilly, impertinent, trifling incidents of life. And to what end is it to invoke the attention and judgment of God to thoſe promiſes they can not be certain of keeping? But this pernicious practice is grown ſo common, that there is ſcarce one word now ſpoken, but is attended with an oath, or a curſe; which draws the name of God, and religion, into contempt. Yet how little credit is given to all ſuch aſſeverations, or how is the man regarded from whom they come? *For*, as SOLON obſerves, *a good man is in that eſtimation, that he needeth not an oath: for it is a leſſening of his credit to ſwear.* SOCRATES declares it *a plain and ſure argument, that the heart is defiled, when the tongue uttereth wickedneſs.* And *What is an oath*, ſays CHARRON, *but a ſymptom and ſhameful mark of diſtruſt, infidelity, ignorance, and human infirmity, both in him that requires it, gives it, and ordains it?*

* *Charron.* † *Thales.* †† *M. Aurelius.*

THE rev. Dr. TRAPP in his *Prælectiones Poeticæ*, *Lecture* the 4th, concerning the *Poetic ſtyle*, has layed down theſe two rules concerning the proper uſe of *Epithets*: They ſhould 'either add new and diſtinct ideas to the ſubſtantives to which they are joined; or at leaſt explain, illuſtrate, and adorn them'. He afterwards obſerves, 'That to inſert *Epithets*, ſolely 'to fill up the verſe, is one of the greateſt faults in 'writeing; that it renders the ſtyle jejune; and relaxes 'and enervates the ſenſe. That this fault has been 'committed even by ſome of the Ancients, but by many of the Moderns; of whom he names BUCHANAN, and produces an inſtance from his *Paraphraſe on the* cxxxvii *Pſalm*: which begins thus,

Dum procul à patria, mœſti, Babylonis in oris,
Flumînis ad liquidas *forte ſedemus aquas;*

'And, after the interpoſition of two verſes only, proceeds,

Flevimus, & gemitus luctantia verba repreſſit,
Inque ſinus liquidæ *decidit imber aquæ.*

On which the Doctor makes this juſt remark, That 'there was no occaſion to put us in mind even once, 'much leſs twice, within the compaſs of five verſes, that '*water* was *liquid*; by which *epithet* the thing deſcribed 'is not illuſtrated in the leaſt degree'.

Having inſerted this criticiſm on the performance of ſo celebrated a poet, we think it a proper opportunity to preſent the public with a *Paraphraſe* of the ſame *Pſalm* in fewer verſes by four; which was communicated to our Society by an unknown hand, a conſiderable time ago, and which we deſire the reader to compare with his.

Finibus abrepti patriis, Solymâq; relictâ,
Sedimus heu! triſtes ad Babylonis aquas.
Occurrere animis miſerandæ fata Sionis,
Imbribus et tepidis permaduere genæ.
Proxima non hilari reſonârunt littora cantu,
Suſpenſæ ramis et ſiluere lyræ.
Interea miſeros riſu nos excipit acri,
Et poſcit ſolitos gens inimica modos.
Carmina, dicebat, nunc vos iterate viciſſim,
Illa Sionæi quæ cecinere chori.
Ergone ſolennes peregre cantabimus hymnos?
Fas erit et ſacrum ſic temerare melos?
O Solyma, ante omni quàm tu non charior urbe,
Aut tua non animo forma venuſta manet;
Dextra nec argutas pulſet mea pectine chordas,
Nec valeat ſolitos promere lingua ſonos.
Gentis Idumeæ, Deus, altâ mente repoſtum
Sit ſcelus, et Solymæ pernicioſa dies.
Funditus antiquæ pereant ſacra tecta Sionis,
Dixit, et urbs imâ ſtirpe reciſa ruat.
O Babylon, quæ nunc cœlo caput inferis, æquas
Nubibus et jactas imperioſa domos,
Nec non et dignas urbs tu des improba pœnas,
Nec ſint criminibus damna minora tuis.
Dira ſuperveniat, cùm non ſperabitur, hora,
Quæ tibi det ſimiles, opto, ſubire vices:
Nempe tuæ pariter ſint verſæ mœnibus arces,
Cladibus infandis ultor et hoſtis ovet.
Immo illis cedant felicitur omnia, per quos
Tincta tuæ prolis ſanguine ſaxa rubent.

Mr. BAVIUS,

THE candor and capacity of your Society are ſo well known, that they encourage me to propoſe to you certain difficulties ariſing from the following affair. You muſt know, Sir, that I'm a city tradeſman, who by my induſtry have got a conſiderable eſtate; and deſigning to make my ſon a better, I mean a more learned man, than his father, I ſent him to a boarding-ſchool, where a young man from North-Britain was aſſiſtant; who was ſo kind to my boy, that (as our paſtor informs me) he made great progreſs. Now, Mr. BAVIUS, I don't love to be ungrateful, and therefore was contriveing ſome way to make that aſſiſtant a recompence; when the maſter of a Charity-ſchool near me died. I, having ſome intereſt with the managers, propoſed my friend: they promiſed he ſhould be the man; at which I was mightily pleas'd. But my joy did not laſt long; for one of them asked what country-man my friend was: and being informed, they told me, they were ſorry that he was not qualify'd for the place; for they were determined not to accept of a Scotch-man, becauſe he would corrupt the childrens ſtile.

Ever ſince, Mr. BAVIUS, I have had ſome thoughts of removing my ſon, and putting him under the care of an Engliſh-man; but ſhall come to no reſolution untill your anſwers to the following queſtions determine me.

1. I'm inform'd, that moſt of thoſe who teach Greek, Latin, and Mathematics in the ſchools in and about Town, are Scotch-men: and I would therefore know, Why School-maſters employ aſſiſtants, who are not fit to be truſted with the education of the meaneſt of his majeſty's ſubjects?

2. Why Gentlemen, who bring up their ſons to the pulpit, or the bar, are leſs careful of their language than other perſons are of theirs, who are deſigned for the moſt ſervile employments, and are educated by their charity, and under their direction?

Your ſpeedy anſwer will be ſerviceable to many of your readers, and highly oblige

Shoemaker-Row, Yours,
May 6, 1735. G. G.

P. S. You know my meaning, and pray put it in your own words, and preſent it to the publick as intelligibly as you can, for the benefit of thoſe who have as little learning, and as dull conceptions as myſelf. And ſince 'tis matter of fact, I hope your readers will not take it amiſs, if you give it the preference to ſome of your Utopian ſchemes.

A fifth Inſtance of the Chief Free-thinkers *skill in* Latin, *taken from the* Remarks of Phileleutherus Lipſienſis *upon* A Diſcourſe of Free-thinking, &c.

My fifth inſtance is in the ſame LIST *Remark* concerning another paſſage in *Varro* (recorded too by St. AUSTIN) where * *de religionibus loquens, ſpeaking of religious inſtitutions*, he ſays, *Multa eſſe* VERA, *quæ non modo vulgo ſcire non ſit inutile; ſed etiam tametſi falſa ſint, aliter exiſtimare populum expediat. That many things are* TRUE, *which are not only not fit for the vulgar to know; but even if they ſhould be falſe, it's fit the vulgar ſhould think otherwiſe.* This paſſage our writer propoſes, as a *diſcovery* of VARRO's *free-thinking*. Now I ſhould have thought it the very reverſe. For firſt he ſays, *The things are* TRUE: that's contrary, no doubt, to our writer's *free-thinking*: and then, *that though they ſhould be* FALSE (not that he ſays, they are *falſe*) *the people ought not to know it*: that's flat and plain *prieſtcraft*, our writer's hate and averſion. How comes it then, that ſo ſagacious a perſon is enamour'd of this paſſage? Why truly, as he has managed it, it will ſerve and bend to his purpoſe. For the period *Multa eſſe vera, That many things are* TRUE, he has tranſlated *Many things* FALSE *in religion*. What *Vera, falſe? Non*, an affirmative? 'Tis time for our governors *de les petites maiſons* to take care of ſuch a ſcribler. But, beſides his tricks in the verſion, he ſhews his ſlight of hand upon the original. For inſtead of, *Sed etiam tametſi falſa ſint*, he exhibits it, *Et quædam tametſi falſa ſint*; and ſo makes VARRO ſay poſitively, That *ſome things are falſe*. Now, what † *foundation for this in any manuſcript or printed copy whatſoever?* Is this his honeſty in citations? is this He, that upbraids others with *corrupting* and *miſapplying* of paſſages?

* *Aug.* iv. 31. † *Diſcourſe of Free-thinking, pag.* 93.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *May* 8. Yeſterday Mr. Rawſtern, who was drank to by the preſent lord mayor for ſheriff, paid his fine to be excuſed ſerving that office. *DA.*

Yeſterday the Princeſs Louiſa, an India-man, took fire at Depthford: moſt of the ſhip and cargo were deſtroyed, and the gunner and boatſwain ſo miſerably burnt, that the former died laſt night, and the latter's life is deſpaired of. The damage is computed at ſeveral 1000 l. *P.*—It was extinguiſhed without much damage. *LP.* —— The princeſs Anne. *DA.*

On tueſday night about 11, a ſellmonger of Horſly-down, was robb'd near his own houſe by 3 ſtreet-robbers of his gold watch, who beat him in a barbarous manner, and not being able to pull off his gold ring, cut his finger off. *DA.* —— He died yeſterday. *LP.* 10.

By the death of Mr. Latham, of Cateton-ſtreet, it was thought full 10,000 l. would have come to Mr. Orme, a journeyman Shoemaker, in right of his wife, a relation of Mr. Orme's [Latham's:] but ſhe has a brother in Cheſhire about 80, named Sutton (thought long ſince dead) a perſon remarkable for being as good as his word; who hearing of this great fortune, wrote up word, 'That as ſoon as a cock-match, which he has 'promis'd to be at, is over, he'll be in town. *LP.*

Married laſt week Sir Jam. Marwood, of Buſhy-hall, Bar. to Miſs Nancy Pierſon of Stokeſley, a beautiful young lady of 10,000 l. fortune. *DP. DA.* —— On ſunday at York. *C. DJ. LP.* —— On tueſday the hon. the lord Rob. Mountague, to Mrs. Harriet Dunch of Whitehall, whoſe fortune is 15,000 l. *LP.* — Yeſterday at Oxford chapel, Hen. Powers, Eſq; of Ireland, to Miſs Kath. Sackville, a fortune of 7000 l. and heireſs to Will. Sackville, Eſq; *P.* —— The ſame day at Whitehall chapel, —— Mills, Eſq; to Miſs Wilkinſon, a beautiful young lady of great merit and fortune. *DJ.*

Died on tueſday in Kenſington-ſquare, Mr. Alexander, formerly an eminent laceman, worth upwards of 35,000 l. *P.* —— On tueſday night Monſieur Pet. Faullier ſhot himſelf with a piſtol in Biſhopſgate-ſtreet. *P.*

Kendal, May 2. *Died* on ſunday at Penny Bridge in the county of Lancaſter, Jam. Wilſon, aged 100, wanting 10 days. About 4 years ago, Tim. Cowarad died near the ſame place, aged 114; and there is now living Rog. Friers, aged 103, and in perfect health. *C.* —— On monday. *DJ.*

FRIDAY, *May* 9. Hen. Arthur Herbert, Eſq; member for the borough of Ludlow in the county of Salop, is appointed lord lieutenant of that county, and Cuſtos Rotulorum of Montgomery-ſhire, in the room of the late earl of Bradford. *DA.*

We hear that 91 ſhips of the line are now in commiſſion at home and abroad, and their full complement amounts to 28,000 men, beſides officers. *P.*

The latter end of laſt week, a noted Jew of this city, went off with jewels to the value of 12,000 l. and has not been heard off ſince. *C.*

Jam. Caſtleman, Eſq; fell yeſterday from his horſe in Piccadilly, and broke his left arm. *P.*

Sunday evening a gentleman of fortune in Surry, riding out alone to take the air, his horſe threw him, and one of his piſtols fell out of the holſter, and the horſe ran away: the gentleman took up his piſtol, and made the beſt of his way after, but was met by ſome countrymen, who took him for a highwayman; he not caring to ſurrender himſelf, ſtood on his defence, and they knock'd him down, and carried him before the next juſtice of the peace, who was his intimate acquaintance; and diſmiſs'd the countrymen who were falling out about dividing the reward for apprehending him. *LP.*

Yeſterday morning one Rob. Landſman, a penſioner of Chelſea-college, about 60, was committed to Newgate for robbing Mr. Will. Mackenzie in the five fields, of 3 guineas, 5 s. and 9 d. There were 2 women, who held Mr. Mackenzie's hands whilſt he robb'd him. *DP.*

Married laſt week Mr. Whitfield, an apothecary at Windſor, to Mrs. Hatch, a lady of 10,000 l. fortune. *LP.* —— Yeſterday the lord Viſc. Vane at St. James's church to the lady Hamilton, widow of the late lord William. *P. LP.* —— John Wogan of Gaudy-hall in Norfolk, Eſq; to Miſs Sancroft, of Burlington-gardens, a young lady of great beauty and merit, and a fortune of 8000 l. *DA. LP.* —— Yeſterday at Pancraſs church, Mr. Chambers, an eminent attorney near Hatton-garden, to the relict of the late Dr. Sacheverel, who is very rich. *LP.* — The report of the lord Vane's marriage is a miſtake. *DA.* 10.

Mr. Joſeph Malquera, a Jew, was found yeſterday hanged in his chamber at his lodgings in Clare-court, Biſhopſgate-ſtreet. *P.* —— Died the ſame day at Camberwell, Mr. Allen, warden of Dulwich college, by a fall from his horſe laſt week, which broke one of his ribs. *DP.*

SATURDAY, *May* 10. Yeſterday the right hon. Sir Will. Yonge, Knt. of the Bath, and Bar. kiſs'd his majeſty's hand for the poſt of Secretary at war, in the room of Sir Will. Strickland, who hath reſign'd. *DA. LP.* — At the ſame time Admiral Haddock, &c. on his being appointed Rear Admiral of the ſquadron that is to be commanded by Sir John Norris *DA.* —— The ſame day his majeſty was pleaſed to appoint Jac. Nichols, Eſq; to be a brigadier in the regiment of dragoons, commanded by Lieut. Gen. Evans. *C.*

On the 6th inſt. Tho. Pitt, Eſq; member for Oakhampton in Devonſhire, was choſen recorder of Camelford in Cornwall. *DJ.*

His grace the archbiſhop of Canterbury is ſo far recovered, as to be able to take the air in the gardens. *C.*

Thurſday the Committee for building a manſion-houſe for this city, met and received plans for the ſame; but there being ſome objections to Stock's-market, on account of the ground lying bevil, which meaſures in front 94 feet, and backwards 134, the committee have adjourn'd to next tueſday, and ordered ſome ground to be meaſured at Leaden-hall, &c. *LP.*

Turpin the butcher, one of Gregory's gang, was ſeen a few days ago about a quarter of a mile beyond Woodford, by a perſon who knew him full well. *LP.*

We have an account from Holland, that about 3 weeks ago the lady Katherine Grey, 2d daughter to the right hon. the earl of Stamford, was married to Mynheer Trypp, poſtmaſter of Amſterdam, and only ſon and heir to the Burgomaſter of that name, who is reckon'd immenſely rich. *DP.*

Married, yeſterday at Whitehall, John Elliot of Iſlington, Eſq; to Dame Eliz. Criſp, relict of Sir John, Bar. a moſt accompliſh'd lady with a conſiderable fortune. *C. DA.*— The ſame day John Barnſton, Eſq; of Cheſhire, to Madam Metton, a widow gentlewoman of a very plentiful fortune, and niece to Sir Rob. Corbet, Bar. *C.* —— Mr. Bramſton to Mrs. Mitton. *DA.*

Died on thurſday, at his ſeat in Surrey, Sir John Leigh, of Addington, Bar. whoſe eſtate devolves to his lady, whom he married about 2 years ago, daughter of —— Wade, &c. *DP.* —— An eminent ſurgeon at Bromley in Kent. In his 78th year. *P.*

On wedneſday one Bolton Paterſon, a ſailor on board the Cornwall at the Nore, was executed for deſertion. 'Tis ſaid, that he found means the night before, to get out of his irons, and to make as far as the ſhip's deck, but had not courage enough to jump over board, &c. he therefore went down to the carpenter, and conjured him to head him up in an empty cask 'till a better opportunity offer'd: but the carpenter not being able to conſent to any ſuch thing, he was diſcovered, and iron'd more ſecurely. *DA.* —— *'Tis probable, this poor fellow might have ſafely ventured* drowning.

MONDAY, *May* 12. Yeſterday Dr. Lavington preached before their majeſties at the chapel royal at S. James's. *C. DJ. DA.*—And the rev. Dr. Croxall before the duke, &c. *DJ.*

Mr. Arthur Rawlinſon, of Pall-mall, high-conſtable of the city and liberty of Weſtminſter, is appointed purveyor of oyls to his royal highneſs the prince. *LP.*

Laſt ſaturday Mr. Redſhaw was appointed firſt clerk to the hon. Col. Pelham, ſecretary to his royal highneſs the prince. *DA.*

A few days ſince Mr. Spurway, Mr. Searle, and Mr. Strudwick, were admitted proctors of the high court of admiralty. *C. DJ.*

We hear there is to be a detachment of a captain, a lieutenant, an enſign, and 100 men out of every one of the marching regiments in Great Britain, to ſerve as marines on board Sir John Norris's ſquadron; which is to conſiſt of 25 men of war. Their compliment of ſeamen will amount to 12,840. *DA.*

The right hon. the lady Harvey accompanies their graces the duke and dutcheſs of Richmond to France. *DA.*

On tueſday night her grace the dutcheſs of Leeds, wife to the right hon. the earl of Portmore, was ſafely delivered of a daughter in S. James's-ſquare. *DP.*

On ſaturday morning lord Ann Hamilton ſet out poſt for Honiton in Devonſhire, in order to oppoſe Sir Will. Yonge at the enſuing election. *DA.* —— Sir William will be rechoſen without oppoſition. *LP.* 13.

On tueſday at a farther hearing in the cauſe between Muilman and Muilman before the dean of the Arches, he admitted 40 articles of Mrs. Muilman's allegation, and reſerved others: whereupon Mr. Muilman thought proper to interpoſe an Appeal to the court of delegates. *P.*

Yeſterday morning a woman in Cock-lane by Smithfield, was brought to bed of 3 children, and all like to live. *P.*

On ſaturday night Turpin the butcher was with 2 men at an ale-houſe in White chapel; a countryman, who knew him, went ſecretly to ſee for a conſtable; but before he could get one, they went off, and left half a guinea upon the table in ſuch haſte, that they would not ſtay for their change. *P.*

Married on ſaturday at Chelſea, Pet. Allen, Eſq; to Miſs Winnington of Suſſex, an accompliſh'd lady with 12,000 l. fortune. —— On friday at Fulham, Col. Colbey, to Mrs. Love, with whom he had 8000 l. *P.*

Died on ſaturday, very rich, in Bowling-ſtreet, Weſtm. Mrs. Crocker, a widow gentlewoman, by whoſe death 1500 l. per ann. falls to Hill's Alms-houſes in Tothill-fields; ſhe has left her eſtate to a grand-daughter about 19, whom ſhe refus'd to ſee in her life time. *DP.*

TUESDAY, *May* 13. We hear his majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Patrick Heron, Eſq; to be ſecretary to the moſt ancient order of the thiſtle, in the room of Sir David Nairn. *C.* —— And Ric. Arnold, Eſq; to be deputy ſecretary at war. *LP.*

On ſunday after divine ſervice, his royal highneſs the prince, accompanied, &c. went to Blackheath and dined at Mrs. Grace Toſhier's, &c. *DJ.*

On friday orders were ſent from the Admiralty-office, for one cutlaſs and piſtol to be deliver'd forthwith to every man on board the fleet. *DP.* —— To guard againſt any ſudden attack. *P.* —— The fleet under Sir John Norris will ſail for Lisbon in a few days. *C. DJ.* — Certainly next week. *DA.* —— The duke of Argyll ordered yeſterday 20,000 piſtols and cutlaſſes to be ſent to Portſmouth. *P.* 14.

We hear that all ſeamen in the merchants ſervice, who ſhall be maim'd or wounded in fighting any privateer or pyrate [pirate] will for the future be admitted to the benefit of Greenwich-hoſpital, equally with thoſe who ſerve his majeſty's ſhips of war. *DA.*

A curious model of a monument for the late Mr. Guy, founder of Guy's hoſpital, has been lately form'd by Mr. Scheemaker of Weſtminſter, and now lies to be view'd by the governors for their approbation, who have come to a reſolution to lay out a large ſum of money on that occaſion. *DP.*

A few days ago a poor man working in a lead mine near Wirkſworth [in Derbyſhire. *DA.*] found above 100 pieces of Roman ſilver coin, being the *Romani Denarii.* The neweſt of theſe pieces muſt be above 1600 years old. The buſts of the 5 firſt emperors appear exceeding full and clear upon ſeveral of them, and the inſcription very legible. There was the remains of a pot in which they were hid, but very much decay'd. *C. DJ. DA.*

On ſaturday night laſt, during the play time, one Mr. Mechlin (alias Macloughlin) who has lately belong'd to the Theatre-royal in Drury-lane, having had a diſpute with Mr. Hallam, of the ſame Theatre, about a particular wig, which the latter had from the wardrobe, to wear in his part that night, in the Farce, and which he reſign'd to Mr. Mechlin; but reproved him for his behaviour, and ill language. Some time after, Mr. Mechlin, thruſt a crabtree ſtick, at the face of Mr. Hallam, which enter'd at his left eye, and penetrated into his brain, of which wound he languiſh'd till ſunday night 6 o' clock, when he died. And yeſterday, the Coroner's jury ſat upon the body, and brought in their verdict, *Wilful murder. LP.* —— Mechlin immediately abſconded. *DP.* —— After he had committed this cruel action, he acted his part on the ſtage, but in great confuſion. *DJ.* —— Made his eſcape from the top of the houſe thro' the upper gallery. *DA.*

Yeſterday a groom having brought a fine grey horſe out of the riding-ſchool into Swallow-ſtreet, Piccadilly, a man came and ſtrok'd him, upon which he kick'd him upon the head, and fractur'd his ſkull ſo, that he died preſently; the groom mounted the horſe and rode off full ſpeed, to prevent his being ſeiz'd as a deodand. *DP.*

Married on ſunday ——— Worſdale, Eſq; at St. George's Hanover-ſquare, to Miſs Southhouſe, a young gentlewoman of 20,000 l. fortune. *P.* —— Yeſterday Rob. Knap, Eſq; of Suffolk, to Miſs Penforde, heireſs to an eſtate of 700 l. per ann. *P.*

On ſunday a waterman at Barnes having ſome words with his wife about their dinner, took up a hammer, with which he ſtruck her on the head, and fractur'd her ſkull. *DA.*

WEDNESDAY, *May* 14. Yeſterday the right hon. the earl of Cholmondeley reſigned the office of maſter of the horſe to his royal highneſs the prince. *DA. LP.* — His lordſhip being appointed one of the lords commiſſioners of the Treaſury; and we hear the marquiſs of

Carnarvon will ſucceed him. *DP.* —— The marquiſs of of Caernarvon is appointed. *DJ.*

His majeſty has been pleaſed to make the following removes, viz. Sir Rob. Rich to be colonel of the regiment of dragoons lately commanded by major Gen. Evans, Sir Cha. Hotham to ſucceed Sir Rob. Rich as Col. of the 2d troop of grenadier guards; and Col. Armſtrong to have the command of Sir Cha. Hotham's regiment of foot now abroad. *P. LP.* —— Will. Murray, Eſq; to have the reg. of foot late Brig. Gen. Jones's, and Col. Ponſonby to ſucceed Col. Murray, in the command of his regiment of foot in Ireland. *LP.* —— Sir Rob. Rich, Sir Cha. Hotham, and Will. Murray, Eſq; *are members of parliament.*

Yeſterday a patent paſs'd the great ſeal, appointing Tho. Skinner, Eſq; member for Oxford, king's ſerjeant. *LP.*

Yeſterday the right hon. the lord mayor drank to Mr. Will. Parkin, an eminent ironmonger in Foſter-lane, for the office of ſheriff, &c. *P. DJ. DA.*

On monday laſt the court of King's-bench made the rule abſolute, for an information to go againſt the printer and publiſher of the *London Journal*, for libelling John Olmius, Eſq; and 4 rev. clergymen in the ſaid paper of Mar. 15, concerning the election of a member of parliament for Weymouth and Melcomb Regis in Dorſetſhire. *DJ.*

The right hon. the lady Bolingbroke ſet out yeſterday morning, &c. for Dover, in her way to Paris, and from thence to Nantes, to meet the earl of Berkley, and proceed with his lordſhip to Bourdeaux. *P.*

On ſaturday Mr. Fowler, an eminent attorney at Iſlington, accompanied by the rev. Mr. Sheet, diſcharged at the Marſhalſea-priſon about 20 debtors, with a charity from an unknown hand. *DA.*

Yeſterday the noted Sam. Gregory was brought under a ſtrong guard to Newgate; and in the afternoon he was ſhewed to Wheeler, who ſwore that he was the man, &c. *C.* &c.

The perſon ſeiz'd at Salisbury is Rogers of Cornwall, and has acknowledg'd he was concern'd in the murders charg'd upon him; but that what he did was in his own defence. *LP.*

Married, yeſterday the earl of Suffolk, to Miſs Jnwen, daughter and ſole heireſs of Tho. Inwen, Eſq; *C.* &c.

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

IN anſwer to Mr. G's Letter, we ſuppoſe that under the objection to the fitneſs of a *Scotch-man* to teach Engliſh, leſt he ſhould *corrupt the ſtile* of the ſcholars, is comprehended the danger of his giving them a wrong pronunciation. And this may be a good reaſon for refuſing ſuch a perſon the ſole direction of a ſchool, in which no other language is to be taught: but can be none againſt employing him to teach *Greek*, *Latin*, and *Mathematics*, in any other. His knowledge in theſe is a ſufficient juſtification of any *ſchool-maſter* who takes him for an *aſſiſtant* in teaching them; and thoſe *gentlemen* who ſend their *ſons* to learn theſe of him, may be certain that they will have more proper opportunities hereafter of learning ſtile and language.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *May* 8. —— *Amſterdam, May* 13. N. S. 20,000 Ruſſians are on full march towards Sileſia. *C.*

FRIDAY, *May* 9. —— *Mantua, Ap.* 27. Count Konigſegg has divided his forces into two bodies: that of near 15,000 men, on the other ſide of the Po, extends from Final, as far as S. Benedetto; the other on this Side the Po, conſiſting of 18,000, cantons from S. Giacomo, as far as the place over againſt S. Benedetto, where a bridge has been laid for the communication of both bodies. *C.*

'Tis adviſed from the Rhine, that when all the auxiliaries, and the contingents of the princes of the Empire, are arrived, the Imperialiſts will be 130,000 ſtrong. *DJ.* —— *But when will they* all arrive?

SATURDAY, *May* 10.—*Paris, May* 14. An ordinance has been publiſhed at Mantua, enjoining all perſons, to make a proviſion of eating and drinking for a year and a half; and that whoever ſhall not, ſhall be driven out of the town without mercy. *DJ.*

MONDAY, *May* 12. —— *Vienna, May* 4. Prince Eugene ſet out this day for the army on the Rhine. *DJ.*

TUESDAY, *May* 13. —— *Paris, May* 17. I doubt much, if we ſhall have any maritime force at ſea this ſummer. *DJ.* — Orders are ſent to Normandy, Bretany, Anjou, &c. to raiſe 14000 ſeamen, and to the Admiralty to fit out all the men of war they poſſibly can, to reinforce the 30 which lie ready to ſail at an hour's warning. *LP.*

They write from Berlin, that his Pruſſian majeſty has ordered a ſtrict ſearch to be made, in order to diſcover the author of a ſatyr lately handed about there. 'Tis entitled, *A dialogue between St. Peter and Goliah*, and ſuppoſes that this gigantick Philiſtine, who had hitherto his reſidence in the regions of Pluto, had at length found means to eſcape, and make for the gates of Paradiſe, where he begs St. Peter to give him an aſylum. The ſacred porter is repreſented very ſcrupulous of granting his requeſt, and accordingly puts ſeveral queſtions very home to him, to which Goliah anſwers, *that indeed he ſhould have never deſerted the poſt where the ſupreme judge had placed him, but out of fear of being kidnapped by the Pruſſian officers, and carried to Potzdam: that theſe ſaid inliſters having wandered throughout the earth, had penetrated to the very borders of Acheron, and were corrupting the old Ferryman, in order to go and raiſe levies in Hell* On which occaſion Goliah deſcribes the ſeveral artifices lately made uſe of to debauch away tall men; and adds, *that as his heighth has made ſo great a noiſe upon earth, he did not doubt but they had their eyes principally on him, therefore entreated heartily for a ſanctuary in Heaven, where he was ſure the Pruſſian inliſters, &c. would never come.* DA.

WEDNESDAY, *May* 14. —— *Hague, May* 13. It has been reported, that endeavours were uſing for the acceptation of another plan, wherein all that was principally diſpleaſing to the parties concern'd, was corrected, and conſequently this laſt muſt be much more acceptable; but we are aſſured, that there was no ground for ſuch a report, and as ſatisfaction cannot be given to either of the parties, but at the expence of the other, it is not likely that means will ſoon be found to adjuſt pretenſions ſo diametrically oppoſite. To effect this, either alliances muſt break, or one of the parties muſt be reduced to extremities. *P.*

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